

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the subject application as amended herein is respectfully requested.

The claims have been carefully reviewed and corrected or cancelled to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner.

As discussed during the telephone interview of February 12, 2009, the present invention is clearly distinguishable over the cited references because the cited references do not disclose an apparatus with a nozzle or solder reservoir and a component holder cooperating to apply solder to the leads of the component with the nozzle/reservoir including a plate separating the leads during the soldering action.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any additional issues related to this application.

It is respectfully submitted that all the pending claims are now in allowable condition. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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